

MARINE INFORMATION

NEW EDITION OF SAILING DIRECTIONS

Pub. 171, Sailing Directions (Enroute) East Africa and the South Indian Ocean, Seventh Edition, 2001, is ready for issue. This publication has been corrected to 30 June 2001, including Notice to Mariners No. 26 of 2001.

Note: Copies of the above publication may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO).

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD NAVIGATION INFORMATION SERVICE

The United States Coast Guard Navigation Information Service (NIS), operated by the USCG Navigation Center, provides information for all radionavigation systems. The NIS is staffed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, providing information on the current operational status, effective policies, and general information for GPS, DGPS, and LORAN-C. The NIS also disseminates Safety Broadcasts (BNM), Local Notice to Mariners (LNM) and the latest Notice Advisory to Navstar Users (NANU). NANU notices can also be obtained via e-mail subscription through the USCG Navigation Center website (<http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/gps/default.htm>). In addition, the NIS investigates all reports of degraded or loss of GPS, DGPS or LORAN-C service. Mariners are encouraged to report all degradation of radionavigation services to the NIS via any of the following: Phone: 703-313-5900, Email: webmaster@navcen.uscg.mil, or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.navcen.uscg.gov>.

AMENDMENTS TO THE INTERNATIONAL CODE OF SIGNALS

The IMO Maritime Safety Committee, at its seventy-third session (MSC-73/21, paragraph 11.25), adopted amendments to the International Code of Signals which will become effective 1 January 2002. A new signal will be added to the "Single-letter Signals with complements" as follows:

SIGNAL

MEANING

Z-with one numeral

To call or address shore signal stations (Numeral to be approved by local authority).

The publication of this notice is solely for the purpose of bringing this information to the attention of all United States mariners concerned. A correction to Pub. 102 International Code of Signals for Visual, Sound and Radio Communications, United States Edition 1969 (Revised 1999), will be published in Notice to Mariners 52 of 2001, dated 29 December 2001.